focus on the capacity building of the Board of Directors and the core management team, ensuring sustainability beyond the advisory period.

13.3. Legal Framework and Compliance Support

- Guidelines for governance, mergers, restructuring, and dissolution of FPOs in alignment with the Companies Act and relevant cooperative laws.
- Establishment of a Legal Support Unit under the State FPO Mission to assist FPOs in contracts, dispute resolution, and legal compliance. Empanelment of CAs/CS.
- Mandatory governance training programs for all elected FPO board members and promoters.

13.4. Recognition and Incentivization.

- Introduction of State Level Awards to recognize high-performing FPOs across key parameters such as turnover, governance, and farmer impact.
- Incentives to promote digital record-keeping, transparency in operations, and sound corporate governance.
- Recognition of FPOs as preferred implementation partners and suppliers under Government procurement and input distribution schemes.
- Establishment of FPO Facilitation Cells to coordinate handholding, capacity- building, and redressal activities.

14. ESG and Sustainability Alignment.

- The functioning and outputs of FPOs shall be aligned with Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) frameworks and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Key priorities will include:
- Adoption of climate-resilient (e.g. Carbon Credit) and resource-efficient practices.
- Promotion of inclusive and gender-equitable governance structures (Women FPOs).
- Encouragement of responsible production and environmental stewardship.

15. The FPO/FPC will have to judiciously use the funds allotted to them as per the scheme guidelines and audited statements/UC shall be mandatorily submitted within the prescribed time frame the FPO shall adhere to all norms or corporate governance and companies act.

The Government may amend/modify any provision or clause of this policy after reviewing working of the same and may formulate additional schemes in order to give effect to the policy during implementation. The Government shall reserve the right to interpret any clause in the policy for the sake of clarity.

This issued with the concurrence of the Finance Department vide their U.O. No. 1400132283 dated 22/09/2026.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Goa.

Chandrahas Naik Dessai, Director of Agriculture & ex officio Joint Secretary.

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Department for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities

Notification

1/15/2024-25-DEPwD/Admn/Rules/1128 Date : 12-Nov-2026

The following draft Rules which the Government of Goa proposes to make in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-sections (*1*) and (*2*) of Section 101 of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 (Central Act No. 49 of 2016) so as to further amend the Goa Rights of Persons with Disabilities Rules, 2018 are hereby pre-published as required by sub-section (*1*) of Section 101 of the said Act, for information of all the persons likely to be affected thereby and notice is hereby given that the said draft Rules will be taken into consideration by the Government after expiry of period of 15 days from the date of publication of this Notification in the Official Gazette.

All objections and/or suggestions to the said draft Rules may be forwarded to the Director for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Porvorim-Goa, before the expiry of the said period of 15 days so that they may be taken into consideration at the time of finalization of the said draft Rules.

DRAFT RULES

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-sections (*1*) and (*2*) of Section 101 of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 (Central Act No. 49 of 2016) and all other powers enabling it in this behalf, the Government of Goa hereby makes the following Rules so as to further amend the Goa Rights of Persons with Disabilities Rules, 2018, namely:—

1. *Short title and commencement*.— (*1*) These rules may be called the Goa Rights of Persons with Disabilities (Third Amendment) Rules, 2026.

(*2*) They shall come into force on the date of their final publication in the Official Gazette.

2. *Amendment of Form of Certificate of Registration*.— In the Goa Rights of Persons with Disabilities Rules, 2018, in FORM of Certificate of Registration,

(*i*) for the expression "FORM IV", the expression "FORM V" shall be substituted,

(*ii*) in Clause 1, for the expression "period of three years as per rule 29(*6*)", the expression "period of five years as per rule 29(*2*) of" shall be substituted.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Goa.

Varsha Naik, Director for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, ex officio/Addl. Secretary (DEPwD).

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Department of Environment & Climate Change

Amendment

31-9-2010/ENVT&CC-DIR/Part-I/1195 Date : 13-Oct-2026

Read: Notification No. 31-9-2010/ENVT&CC/Part-I/647 dated 04/08/2026 (Official Gazette, Government of Goa– Series I No. 20 dated 13th August, 2026.

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section 3(*A*) of Section 12 of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 (Central Act 6 of 1974); and in supersession of all notifications read above, the Goa State Pollution Control Board (GSPCB), with the approval of the Government of Goa; hereby makes the following rules so as to regulate the recruitment to various technical and non-technical posts in the Goa State Pollution Control Board, namely:—

1. *Short title, application and commencement*.— (*i*) These rules may be called the Goa State Pollution Control Board, Group 'A', 'B', 'C' and 'D' posts, Recruitment Rules, 2020 (hereinafter referred to as 'these rules').

(*iii*) They shall come into force from the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

2. Amendment to Schedule to the Goa State Pollution Control Board, Group 'A', 'B', 'C' and 'D' posts, Recruitment Rules, 2020.—

Refer Schedule (Please see Rule 3 and 4)

By order and in the name of the Governor of Goa.

Mohd Shabir, IAS, Link Director & ex officio Jt. Secretary (Environment & Climate Change).

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